

small cost to them. Each organization can buy a set of plates for its own members which could be kept in the office and used when occasion requires. These plates cost five cents apiece and are good indefinitely or until the address is changed. That means a cost of about five dollars to an organization with a hundred members. If any of the organizations want to make that investment we will be glad to arrange to have the plates made if they will give us the names and addresses.

BOYS' CLUB

Basket Ball is under way in the High Street Gym. of Christ Church and St. Michael's.

The Senior Boys play on Monday nights and the Junior Boys play on Monday afternoons, with special games on Saturday nights.

The Senior Boys so far have won one game and lost one. The club is coached by Arthur Tucker, former Drexel star, and he has a fine squad in Bill Smith, Ed Smith, Shaw, Boistrun, T. Pritchard, J. Pritchard, Thorne, Fiffe, Greer, Wismer, Osborne, Kline and Kirchner.

The boys, both Sr. and Jr., are regular in attendance in Church School. Come out and see them play, and I am sure you will say that the boys of Christ Church and St. Michael's are boys to be proud of.

F. W.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

Frederick Arthur Tucker Faith Elizabeth Ward
Patricia Mae Davis

Marriages

John Stanley Thompson and Sarah Marguerite Moore
Lawrence Long and Pauline Elsie De Long
James Emlen Fyfe and May Irma Moynahan
Thomas Elliott and Agnes Hossick

Burials

Mary Chapman Foulkrod	Susan Morris Bruce
William Henry Sibson	Caroline F. Large
Adeline Potter VanSant	Mary Alice Wirt
Anna May Franz	Mary Elizabeth Cave
Alice F. N. Rawls	Alphonsine Billin
Stephen Underwood	Charles O. Rowe

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Ernest J. Thomas	Organist and Choir Master
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SERVICES

THE HOLY COMMUNION:

Every Sunday	8.00 A. M.
First Sunday in the month	11.00 A. M.
Wednesdays	9.30 A. M.
Holy Days and Saint's Days	7.30 and 9.30

MORNING PRAYER:

Sundays	11.00 A. M.
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EVENING PRAYER (choral)

Sundays	7.45 P. M.
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CHURCH SCHOOL:

Sundays	9.45 A. M.
Men's Bible Class	9.30 A. M.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends:

Two things of first rate importance I want to put before you this month.

Confirmation

Bishop Taitt has appointed Sunday, January 21st, 1934, in the evening, as the day for the administration of the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation for our Parish. That is somewhat earlier than I had anticipated, as I thought he might continue a custom of some years standing and come to us in Holy Week. But he has appointed otherwise this year. I know how hard it is to make all his appointments fit in and so I am reluctant to ask him to make any change in his schedule, and we will therefore accept his appointment without question.

That means that we must begin at once the necessary classes for instruction. The class for girls who are in the public schools will be held each Thursday afternoon beginning December 6th at four o'clock. The class for younger boys who are in school will meet at the same hour each Friday afternoon Beginning December 7th. The class for all others, men and women, will meet each Friday evening, beginning December 7th, at eight o'clock. All these meetings are to be held in the Intermediate Room (formerly the Gymnasium) of the McCallum Street Parish House.

You will understand that Mr. Priest and I are both a little handicapped by the fact that we do not yet know personally all the members of the Parish. We cannot for that reason go about the task of gathering the members of the class as effectively as we will be able to do another year. So we particularly ask the help of the Parish this year. If you are not confirmed and would now consider it, let us know, give us a chance to talk to you about it. Come to the classes any way. The fact that you do come is not a pledge that you will be confirmed, but only that you are willing to face the question and try to come to a definite conclusion. If you are confirmed perhaps you know of some one who is not and should be and might be willing to think about it if approached. Let me have the name of that person and I will try to reach him or her. This applies to all people, but more especially to adults. We can reach the children as a whole through the Church School.

It should be understood that any one will be cordially welcomed at the instructions, whether already confirmed or not. Perhaps there are some who would like to come for a renewal of instruction, and others perhaps can best encourage some one who is thinking of Confirmation by bringing that person to the classes. Children would be greatly encouraged to think the matter through seriously if a parent thought enough of it all to come with them.

Let me say a word or so about the spiritual side of it all. All God's gifts and actions toward men come as a response to some movement on man's part. The Spirit of man moves out, perhaps ever so little toward God, and the answer is the gracious boon of a royal Father. There are those two parts to Confirmation. Man feeling the need of God offers himself and God in response pours out His Spirit of Power. But why go through a definite public ceremony? Is not the mind of man always reaching out for God, and will not God respond without this public and precise method? It is the old, old question of whether or not God is tied to methods. Of course He is not, but we are. It is a curious thing in our modern life that we are taught by science so specifically that we must face and accept the uniformity of the laws of nature and obey them. The God of the material world works by rule. No one expects God, for example, to interfere with the law of gravitation to save some reckless person who has gotten too near the edge of a cliff and is falling to destruction on the rocks below. And yet these same people almost jump out of their skins with horror

at the bare suggestion that this same God may have some methods by which He habitually acts in the spiritual realm and expects us to find Him by those methods. The Means of Grace are never tests of faith or bars to help, they are always answers to faith and ways of help. God does not leave us groping blindly in the dark. He has offered ways to assure us of his love and means of getting His power into life. That is the meaning and justification of sacraments as means of grace. Confirmation is God's way of answering faith in Him and desire for Him, not the only way, but surely in the long experience of Christianity one of the great and sure ways.

You need the Church as the normal and assured channels of God's grace.

The Church in turn needs you. The Church is not infallible at every moment of time. It is useless to say that it is, because the facts of history and experience deny it. All our Lord ever promised the Church was to lead it gradually along the way into the fulness of truth and assure it of ultimate victory. But when all that is admitted history also makes this clear. The Church is the one age long surviving institution which has with consistency stood for, witnessed to, and preserved the cause of righteousness of God in the world. To take the Church out of the world would be utter madness. But it stays in the world only as it attracts and keeps within its fold men who care about righteousness. The Church needs you and your share in its corporate witness to the reality and vitality of the religion of our Lord.

Here we are then, men who feel within ourselves the stirring of aspiration for the best. The best is fellowship with God. How and where shall we be assured of that fellowship? In the Church. Confirmation is the completion of membership in the Church, the way and pledge, and means of the fulness of the power of God's Spirit. Are you confirmed? If not, why not? and why not now?

PARISH VISITATION

It is commonly called THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS. I wish we could get rid of that word canvass. It smacks too much of the mechanics of the thing and suggests too little of the spirit of it. Why can we not call it the PARISH VISITATION and those who make it THE VISITORS. They are warmer words and suggest some idea of parochial fellowship. It is going to be held in our Parish beginning on the same day as all over

the Church, Sunday, November 26th and we hope to complete it by December 14th but are determined to complete it no matter how long it takes.

It is vital that we should do this this year and do it thoroughly. We are starting a great Venture for God in this Parish, and we want the whole Parish to be enthused with its possibilities, privileges and its responsibilities. The Visitors will want to make you share their interest in what we are doing. They will come to you after the Apostolic fashion, in pairs. Their object in coming is manifold. They want to get to know our people and get all our people to know one another. They want to tell you of what we are trying to do here and enlist your intelligent and enthusiastic interest and support. They want you to know that we are putting worship at the very heart of our parish life and that we are keen to have you in your place in that worship regularly week by week. They will want you to know that a worshipping Church is also a working Church and they will want you to have your place in that work, to be connected with some of our various organizations both giving and getting help. If there are children in the family they will want to know that they are in the Church School. They will be glad to receive suggestions as to how you think our work and worship can be improved, deepened and made more effective. It is your parish, what do you want for it? They will want to get a corrected list of our families and their members so that we may know just 'who is who and what is what,' and finally they will want to know that you will help to meet the financial requirements of the Parish through the envelope system.

Every one of those things are important. The last no more, and no less than the first. In regard to the last you will receive later on a copy of the budget for the next year proposed by the Vestry together with a statement by the Finance Committee, which I hope you will carefully read and be prepared to ask any questions which occur to you when your VISITORS come.

It goes without saying that they will be received with friendly courtesy wherever they go and with appreciation of the fact not only that they are on the Lord's business but on the business of your Parish. I ask for more than that for them and their errand. I ask your hearty co-operation with them and your enthusiastic support of what your Parish is trying to do. Will you give us the encouragement and help of your prayers for God's blessing on our undertaking? We need them

and we need you. I even dare to print at the end of this letter the prayer for the Parish and ask that we all say it daily at least from now until the visitation is completed. If we will do that I have not a doubt that it will be a very great success. May we not count on you for that great help.

Faithfully yours,

GILBERT E. PEMBER.

P. S. One very important thing I have forgotten in connection with our PARISH VISITATION. On the Sunday morning when the visitation begins, November 26th, I want to speak to the congregation about this whole matter, and I very earnestly ask that you make an effort to be there. It will be a great help to our whole work and it is very important. I want to make this just as urgent as I can—this request that you be in your place in Church at the eleven o'clock service.

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

NOVEMBER 26th

THE PRAYER FOR THE PARISH

O Almighty Lord and everlasting God, Who doest live and govern all things in Heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant to this Parish of Christ Church and St. Michael's all things needful for its temporal and spiritual welfare. Strengthen and confirm the faithful. Visit and relieve the sick and comfort the sorrowing. Rouse the careless, recover the fallen and restore the penitent. Guide by Thy Holy Spirit the Clergy, Vestry and Workers. Move Thy people to give as Thou hast given to them. Make us all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy Holy Church, and use us for the spread of Thy Kingdom among men. All of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CHIMES-MESSENGER

We have heard a good many kindly comments on the first issue of the Chimes-Messenger and have received some—not very many—contributions towards its cost. We are grateful for both. We would like to be grateful and would be glad of further opportunities in that direction. We expect the Chimes-Messenger to be published on the fifteenth of the month, and in order to do that we should have the copy for it by the fifth of the month if possible. It may be handed or sent to Dr. Pember, Mr. Priest or either of the two young men who have undertaken to help in the work, Mr. G. Edward Wallis and Mr. The-

odore Wilcox. They are, for one part of their work, going to divide the organizations between them and act as reporters.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

I hope none of us are too greatly impressed by the modern American shibboleth of numbers, and that we would greatly prefer one person doing something worthwhile than hundreds wasting their time. Nevertheless, it ought to be a source of considerable satisfaction to us to know that the Church School of Christ Church and St. Michael's has begun its work with an average attendance of over three hundred, and that this average attendance has been maintained. It ought to be a source of satisfaction because these three hundred pupils are not simply appearing Sunday after Sunday; they are doing something worthwhile, in fact, something vitally important—they are learning about God as He has revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ, and about His Church, His Body, of which we are all members, and through which He has chosen to perpetuate His influence among men. They are being made familiar with the use of the materials and tools whereby Christian character is built.

It is doubtless quite unnecessary even to mention the fact that such an enterprise is worthy of all the support you can give.

Our Church School is not perfect, however, and it seeks to carry on its work under numerous disadvantages. Housing is a problem. The secular schools are able to provide a separate room for each class, whereas it is necessary for us to have as many as twenty classes in a single room. The condition is not ideal, but we cannot rectify it. We can, however, do something to mitigate it, and this we attempt to do by dividing the pupils into groups sufficiently small so that increased individual attention from the teacher may counteract the unavoidable confusion of large numbers in small spaces. This attempt creates another serious problem: that of obtaining teachers. We need more teachers, and we need them badly. There are no classes actually without teachers, though one has only a temporary teacher, but there are several which are much too large, and which must be broken up into smaller groups. At the present time we need one woman and three men if our School is to do its best work in training *your* children. It is not enough to have hordes of children coming to us. We must do something with them when we get them there. We cannot do that something

as well as we ought unless we have the teachers to do it. It goes without saying that not everyone is able or competent to teach, but may we not hope that those of you who are will not refuse when asked?
B. R. P.

THANKSGIVING DAY

It is, of course, a civil holiday. It is appointed by the President. That does not alter the fact that in origin and history it is a religious Holy Day. The custom began in New England when the country was young and sensed its dependence on God for all it had and was and hoped to be. It is still just that in intent as any one will see who reads the annual Presidential Proclamation calling upon the citizens to gather in their usual places of worship to thank God for His manifold blessing. Let us make it in part, at the very least, that sort of a day.

Every one of us as individuals, and all of us as a nation, have much to be thankful for even in these troubled times. We can be thankful that we are called on to live in these critical days and are challenged with the need and opportunity to make this a better world under God. And we can be thankful that there is a growing sensing of the truth that if we are to make ours a better world for man to live in, we must do it under the guidance and by the power of God. The only better world in sight is a more Christian world.

So I affectionately urge you to fulfill the original intent of the day, the spirit of the President's Proclamation, and the obvious religious duty. Be in your place in Church at one of the two services. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at half past seven and at ten. Notice first the character of the service and second the hours. The service is the Holy Communion, because that is pre-eminently the great act of Christian worship, and because it is the great Thanksgiving of the Church, that is the meaning of the word we use as one of the common names of the Sacrament—Eucharist—Thanksgiving. Second, the hours are 7.30 and 10.00. I have put the second service at ten instead of the usual hour of eleven, because I believe that is a more convenient hour for most housekeepers who have many duties in connection with the family feast and festivities, and it gives ample freedom to those who want the full afternoon for outdoor activities.

The offerings of Thanksgiving Day will go as usual to the support of our greatest single charity, the Episcopal Hospital. They also count on our Quota.

CORPORATE COMMUNION FOR MEN AND BOYS

Some years ago the Brotherhood of St. Andrew began the practice of calling the men and boys to a Corporate Communion on the first Sunday in Advent, to start with renewed vigor the Church Year. The custom has grown and receives quite general recognition throughout the Church. We do not have a St. Andrew's Brotherhood in our Parish, but we are a Brotherhood in Christ and His Church and in that larger and greater fellowship we can share with the smaller group this service of rededication of the best we are and have to the service of our Lord. There will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion that day, at eight and eleven, and we hope the men and boys of the Parish will make an honest effort to be at one or the other of these services that day.

HOLY BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered in the Church on the last Sunday of each month at four o'clock in the afternoon. For this month that will mean November 26th. Please notify Dr. Pember beforehand so that the necessary statistics may be obtained and the proper certificates made out in advance.

Y. P. F. TO SPONSOR MONTHLY SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young People's Fellowship of our parish is starting its season with a program at once ambitious and worthwhile, and it cordially invites all persons between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five (more or less, at both ends) to join it in its work. An integral part of its program for this year is a monthly service especially designed to be of interest to young people,—all young people—not merely Fellowship members. The Fellowship itself is making the arrangements and is doing the work of obtaining special preachers who will have something to say specifically to people of their age and interests. These services are to be held at 7.45 on the second Sunday of each month, beginning with the second Sunday in December. The date is a moveable feast to the extent that it is felt to be more important to have the preacher desired than to have whoever happens to be available, and some changes may have to be made to fit the engagements of the men invited to preach. Due

notice, however, will be given of any such change from the second Sunday evening.

The Fellowship has also undertaken the task of being responsible for the appearance, en masse, of all the other young people's organizations in the parish. Representatives will be sent to the regular meetings of the Girls' Friendly Society, Boys' Club, Boy Scouts, to invite their attendance at these services. May they not have the co-operation of the leaders of those organizations in their attempt to get each to attend in a body?

W. A. LUNCHEON

There will be a luncheon for the Woman's Auxiliary Monday, November 20th, in the McCallum Street Parish House at one P. M. Reservations must be made before Saturday, November 18th, to Mrs. Maxwell Case, 433 West Walnut Lane.

The speaker will be Mrs. Charles Pancoast, known to all of us as one of the leaders of the Missionary cause in our Diocese.

PARISH SUPPER

Our regular monthly Parish Supper comes in December, on Thursday the fourteenth. Put that on your Calendar as an appointment at the McCallum Street Parish House between six and half past seven o'clock. The charge is 50c for adults and 25c for children under twelve.

Reservations should be made not later than the morning of December 13th to Mrs. Andrus, Ger. 2025, Mrs. Wertsner, Ger. 8901, or the Rectory, Ger. 9537. In making your reservations it will help those in charge if you will state the hour you expect to come.

The matter of reservation is important. You are invited. If you are going to accept the invitation let the hostesses know so neither you nor they may be embarrassed by lack of provision.

AN ADDRESSOGRAPH

We are greatly indebted to the Mothers' meeting for a very handsome and useful present. They have given us an addressing machine which will save a great deal of time and labor that can be put to much better use than addressing envelopes by hand. We will of course have in the office the plates for the whole parish list, nearly eight hundred families. But the machine can be used for the different organizations at a very